

Celina High School Cheerleading Charter

2016-2017

Eligibility Guidelines

- Any candidate in grades 9th– 11th must be enrolled at Celina High School at the beginning of the semester tryouts are held.
- Cheerleader candidates will follow the academic requirements set forth by the Texas Education Agency and the University Interscholastic League. Per UIL guidelines “A student who receives, at the end of any grading period (after the first six weeks of the school year), a grade below 70 in any class (other than an identified class eligible for exemption) or a student with disabilities who fails to meet the standards in the Individual Education Plan (IEP) may not participate in extracurricular activities for three school weeks. An ineligible student may practice or rehearse, however. The student regains eligibility after the seven calendar day waiting period has ended following a grading period or the three school week evaluation period when the principal and teachers determine that he or she has earned a passing grade (70 or above) in all classes, other than those that are exempted.”
- Academic grades will be checked at the end of each three-week period.
- Citizenship grades will be checked after each three-week period within the nine weeks. Suspension of one week will be the result of a citizenship grade falling below satisfactory.
- A citizenship grade of U is equivalent to two N's.

Tryouts

Academic Eligibility

- Candidates must be passing per UIL guidelines with a 70 or above at the time of tryouts. If tryouts are held within the first three weeks of a grading period, the preceding nine weeks grades will be used as the “at time of tryouts” grades. If tryouts are held between the fourth and ninth weeks of a grading period the Mid-UIL report will be used.
- Candidates may not have a citizenship grade below the S level at the time of tryouts.

Team Size

- The varsity team will be composed of **a minimum of 10 members** depending on the caliber of skill and the number of candidates trying out. Judges and sponsors will cut at the natural break.

- The JV team will be composed of **a minimum of 8** members depending on the caliber of skill and the number of candidates trying out. Judges and sponsors will cut at the natural break.
- The freshmen team will be composed of **a minimum of 8** members depending on the caliber of skill and the number of candidates trying out. Judges and sponsors will cut at the natural break.

Clinic

The cheerleading organization will hold a tryout clinic prior to the day of tryouts. The first day of the clinic is mandatory for all students that would like to tryout for the team. All other days are optional. Attendance at the tryout clinic is highly recommended.

Scoring

Candidates will be scored by qualified judges, evaluated by the coaches, and given a rules test.

Varsity Alternate

A varsity alternate will be named at the time of tryouts. The alternate will serve as the varsity cheerleader if the cheer coach deems that adding the alternate is in the best interest of the squad. Other cheerleaders may be used on the varsity squad as needed and at the discretion of the cheer coach. If a varsity cheerleader is unable to fulfill her position before camp, the varsity cheer coach will move up the person with the highest score on JV if deemed necessary.

Spring Responsibilities

Practice

All cheerleaders are required to attend after school practice in the spring. Refer to the demerit system if the cheerleader is unable to attend.

Fundraisers

All cheerleaders are required to attend CHS sponsored fundraisers in their entirety. This includes any preparation needed to hold the fundraiser. Failure to attend may result in suspension pending review by the CHS principal and cheerleader sponsor.

Athletic Events

All Cheerleaders are responsible for attending playoff softball and baseball games. In addition, they may be required to support other athletic organizations during the spring season. Attendance for athletic events is mandatory. Refer to the demerit system if the cheerleader is unable to attend.

Summer Responsibilities

Cheer Camp

All cheerleaders **must** attend summer camp. The cheerleading fund will pay for part of this camp, if funds are available. If funds are unavailable the cheerleader is responsible for paying camp in its entirety. Failure to attend camp may result in suspension pending review by the CHS principal and cheerleader sponsor.

Two-A-Days

All cheerleaders are required to report for duty on the Monday of the first week of August. Practice will be held each day prior to the start of school and used for school year preparation. Practices are mandatory. Refer to the demerit system if the cheerleader is unable to attend.

CHS Mini Camp

All cheerleaders are required to attend and prepare for the CHS mini camp held in August. Failure to participate in the cheer clinic may result in suspension pending review by the CHS principal and cheerleader sponsor. Refer to the demerit system if the cheerleader is unable to attend.

Fall and Winter Responsibilities

Practice

All cheerleaders are required to attend after school practice. In addition, cheerleaders may be asked to attend practice outside of normal practice times within reason and when given advance notice. Keep in mind that the cheerleading coach can call practice at any time. These practices are mandatory.

Athletic Events

All Cheerleaders must perform at all regular season and playoff football games and all district and playoff basketball games. Cheerleaders will also support the volleyball team throughout their regular season and playoffs. Failure to participate may result in suspension pending review by the administrator and cheerleading sponsor.

The varsity cheerleading team is responsible for attending all regular, district, playoff, and state football games. The junior varsity cheerleading team is responsible for attending all JV football games and varsity district, playoff, and state football games as well as all district, playoff, and state basketball games. The freshmen team is responsible for attending all freshmen football games as well as all varsity football district, playoff, and state games. In addition, cheerleaders may be required to support other athletic organizations during the fall season.

Organization Events

Cheerleaders are required to attend any and all events that are cheer related. This includes but is not limited to fundraisers, banquets, birthday parties, and team gatherings. Refer to the demerit system if the cheerleader is unable to attend.

School Year Information

Holiday Breaks and Playoffs

Cheerleaders are required to attend practice and events during a holiday break. Longer practice times, away games, and cheerleading events will occur during the holiday break if the Varsity football team makes it to playoffs. Refer to the demerit system for consequences related to missing a practice, game, or event during a holiday break.

Uniforms

All cheerleaders will be charged a \$75.00 uniform rental fee. This fee is non-refundable. Uniforms may be altered to fit the cheerleader however; the seamstress may not cut uniform material. Uniforms will be inspected upon retrieval at the end of the cheer season. If for any reason material has been cut from the uniform the cheerleader will be responsible for paying in full the amount paid by the cheerleading organization for the uniform.

All uniforms must be dry cleaned and returned to the cheerleading coach at the end of the season. A Dry cleaning receipt is required when turning the uniform in.

Attendance

Attendance is extremely important when participating in a team sport. If a cheerleader is absent for two or more practices (partial or full) within one week, excused or unexcused, she will not participate in that weeks pep rally.

Attendance at all practices, events, and games are mandatory. Absences will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The cheerleader must give **prior** notice to the coach if there is a conflict with practice, a game, cheerleading event, or cheer obligation.

Illness

A doctor's note is required from a cheerleader when missing a practice due to medical reasons. Reasons may include but are not limited to illness, check ups, physicals, and disabilities. Refer to the demerit system for consequences related to not having a doctors note.

When a cheerleader is practicing and performing with the team she must be at 100%. The cheerleading coach reserves the right to remove a child if he/she feels that the cheerleader is in distress. That being said the cheerleader will be unable

to participate in practice or performances until she has been seen and released by a doctor. The cheerleader is required to bring all necessary support materials with her to practice everyday.

Conflicts with other sports

Coaches will communicate about the schedule for competing sports. It is not the parent or cheerleaders job to coordinate practices and events for competing sports. It is the responsibility of the cheerleader to comply with the schedule agreed upon by the coaches. The cheerleader may be required to split time between activities or may be unable to perform if important skills and instructions are missed. The decision will be made by the cheerleading coach based on what is in the best interest of the team. Every effort will be made to accommodate conflicting school activities within reason and if proper notification is given.

Transportation

Cheerleaders must ride together in the school van, school bus, or charter bus to and from games. When returning from out of town games, all squads on the bus are required to unload gear and place in the cheer locker room before being dismissed by the sponsors.

Length of Duty

Each team position will begin at the end of tryouts and end at the beginning of the New Year's tryout. Senior girls will be required to lead a tryout clinic in the spring.

A member who quits or is terminated from their position is ineligible to participate in any spirit related organization the following year. If the cheerleader wishes to tryout he/she must have written consent from the previous years sponsor. Administration and the varsity sponsor reserve the right to overrule any decision made regarding this issue.

Concession Stand

All cheerleader parents are expected to work in the concession stand twice during football season. Any cheerleader whose parents do not fulfill their obligation to work in the concession stand as scheduled either by working herself or sending an adult replacement, will receive five demerits for each time they do not work.

Cheerleader Account Balances

Any money owed to the CHS Cheerleaders must be paid in full before a candidate is eligible to try out the following year or if cheerleader is a senior, their diploma will be held.

Social Media and School Policy

Cheerleaders must comply with local school policy regarding smoking and drinking. Any cheerleader seen smoking or drinking in public by any faculty

member of the Celina Independent School District may be suspended. Any cheerleader participating in a public act, which may discredit or bring embarrassment to the school or organization may be suspended pending review by the CHS principal and cheerleader sponsor. The Internet is a worldwide, publicly accessible form of communication. Any communications such as Instagram, Facebook, Snap Chat, Twitter, etc. appearing on the Internet is public domain even if it is marked private. Cheerleaders and mascots are responsible for their personal websites/accounts and postings as well as for postings on other students' websites/accounts. Cheerleaders will be held responsible and accountable for any inappropriate texting within the squad or group and any other social media such as Instagram, Facebook, Snap Chat, Twitter, etc. The area of appropriateness will include but are not limited to, language, pictures, suggestive poses and clothing, reference to alcohol, drugs, and tobacco. The principal and sponsor will decide any question of appropriateness. They should be aware that in or out of uniform, they are held to a higher standard and should act accordingly.

General Rules Statement

These are general rules and guidelines for all CHS cheerleaders, mascot, and mic master. At times, the sponsor and administration may be required to make a judgment call. These decisions will be left up to the individual sponsors and principals. Principal and sponsors reserve the right to upgrade any penalty (immediate suspension, office referrals, etc.) depending on the severity of the situation.

All cheerleaders will be held accountable and are responsible for following the spirit program rules and the demerit structure. All will be tested on this material to ensure that each cheerleader is aware of its content.